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the acid part of the ester) whereas applicants claim vinyl ester of C₁-C₂₄-carboxylic acids (i.e. the double bond is in the alcohol part of the ester).

Consequently, the produced polymers are distinct, and after having performed the (partial) hydrolysis according to applicants' claims, applicants' polymers have vinyl alcohol units in the polymer backbone, whereas Blankenburg would have carboxylic acid units.

It is thus clear that Blankenburg et al. does not anticipate--or for that matter render obvious--applicants invention as claimed.

The double patenting rejections

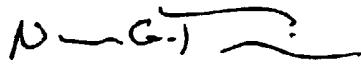
Applicants hereby file terminal disclaimers as to US Patent Nos. 6,403,074 and 6,770,293. This should overcome the double patenting rejections of these patents.

Conclusion

For the reasons set out above, allowance is respectfully solicited.

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